

# 2006 SIXTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, May 18, 2006

“The Law, the Courts, and the  
Future of the  
American Automobile Industry.”

# **Future Auto World; Round or Flat?**

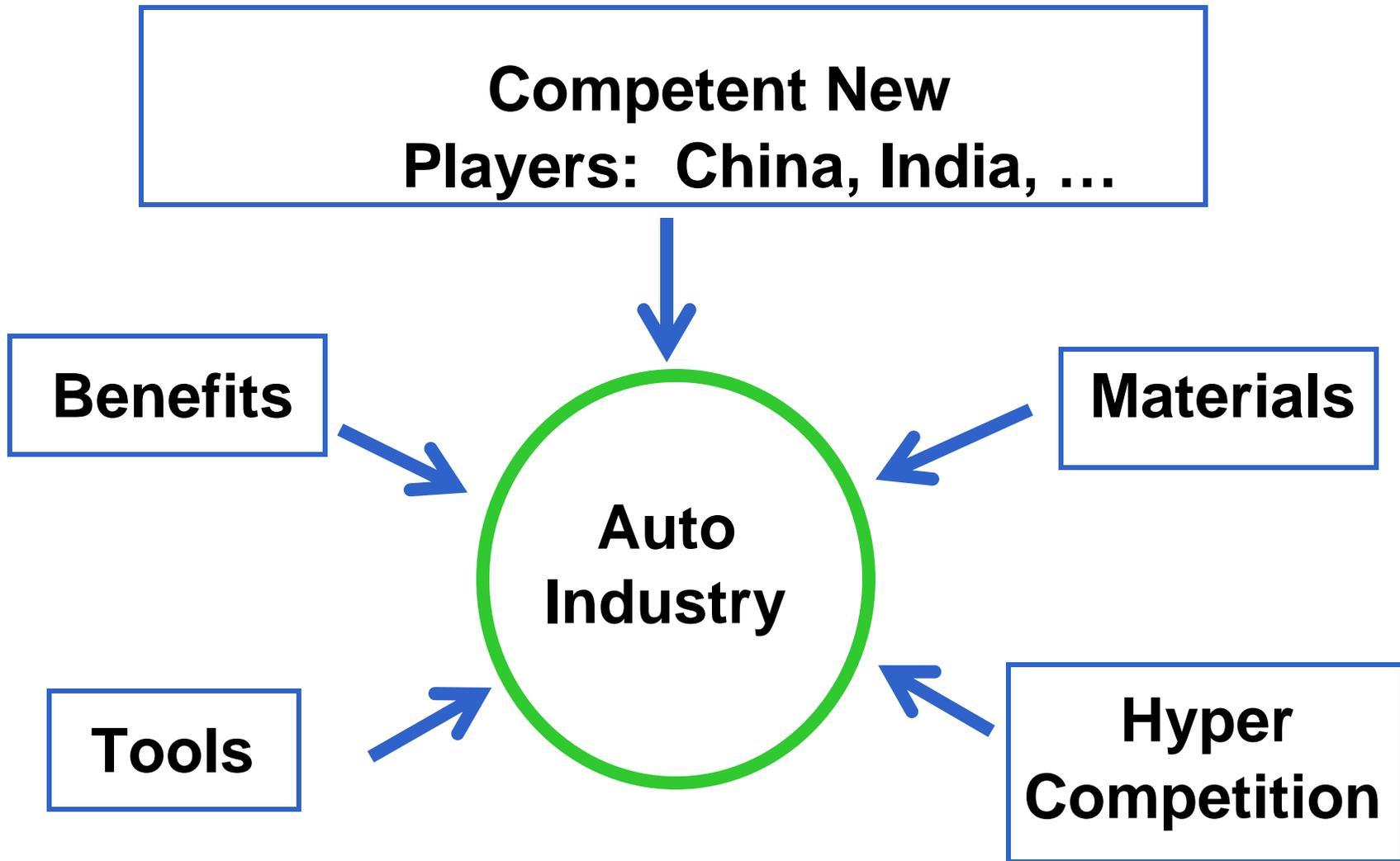
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# The Perfect Storm



# **Auto Industry of the Future**

A World of  
Vanishing Boundaries

# Demographics

## *“Boomers go Boom”*

- ◆ Consumer Behavior
- ◆ Socio / Political
- ◆ Health Care
- ◆ Skilled Workers
- ◆ World Issue

# **Auto Industry—Like Pro Football**

Everyone is Fast and Hits Hard

Excellent Players-

- ◆ TAM's – Traditional American Manufacturers
- ◆ NAM's – New American Manufacturers

# Competition

Relentless

Unforgiving

# **Domestic Manufacturers**

Face \$2,000 - \$ 2,500

Cost Penalty

## Difficult Times But Survivable

- GM
- Ford
- DaimlerChrysler
- Delphi
- Visteon
- Traditional Suppliers

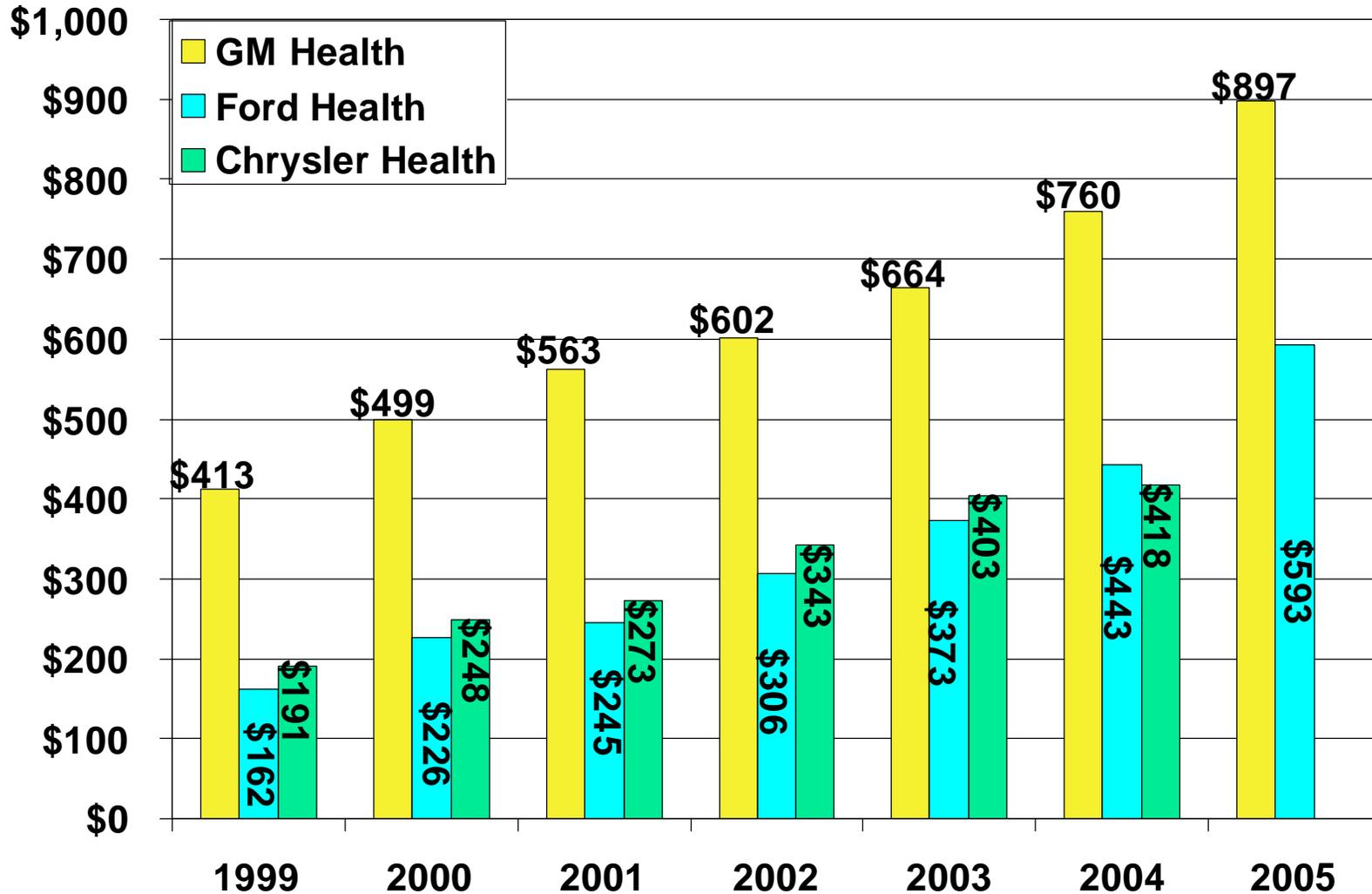
# U.S. Auto Legacy Ratios – End of 2005

GM

Chrysler Group

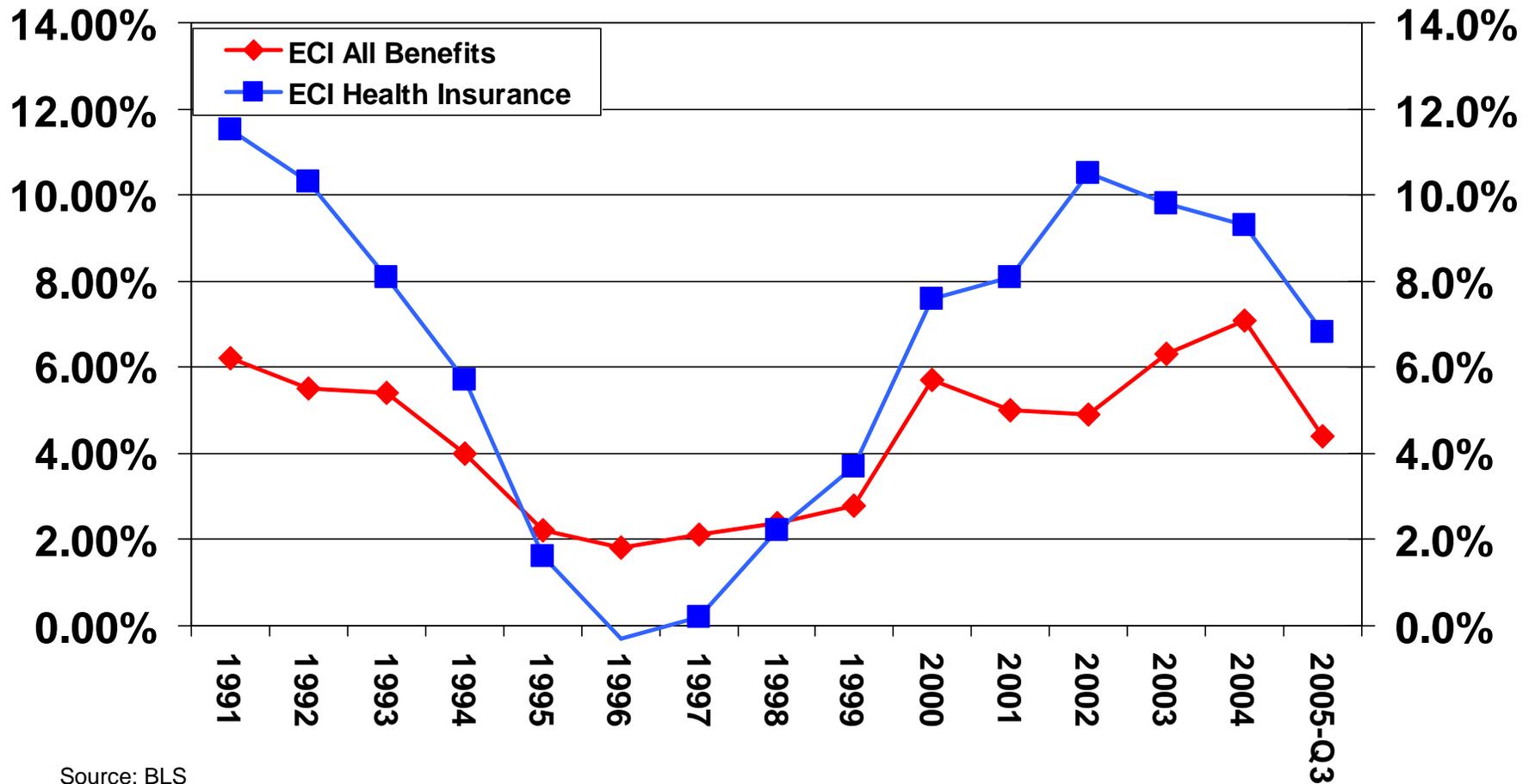
Active:		
Salaried Non-Union	43,534	14,323
Hourly	113,152	54,466
Total	156,686	68,271
Retired:		
Salaried Non-Union	116,000	20,916
Hourly	342,400	83,170
Total	458,400	104,086
Ratio (Retiree/Act.)	2.93	1.52

# Health Legacy Cost per North American Vehicle Produced Thru 2005



# Health Cost Inflation

## Employment Cost Index 1991 to 2005 ECI Private Industry Costs per Hour



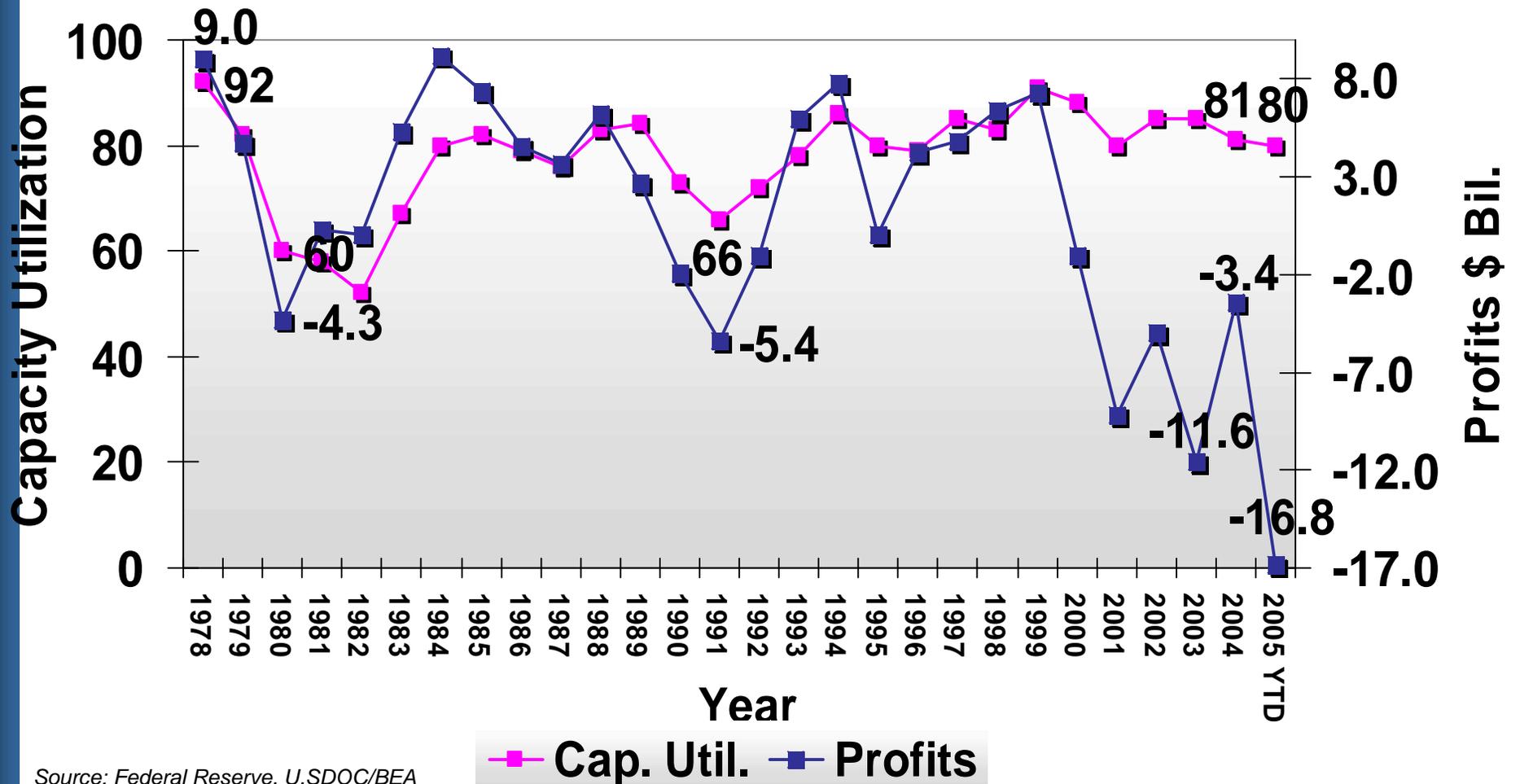
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# **Industry, Highly Unstable —**

## **Not in Final Form**

# **There is Good News & Bad News: We Have a Crisis**

# U.S. Automotive Industry Capacity Utilization and Profits 1978 – 2005



Source: Federal Reserve, U.SDOC/BEA

Title  
Date

# **The Old Business Model is Broken**

# **It's Change or Die & Shrink to Grow**

# Auto Industry 2007

- ◆ Successful manufacturers and suppliers
- ◆ Strong market
- ◆ Great products
- ◆ But—not everyone made it

# The Future —

# It's not what it used to be

# **Economic Contribution of the U.S. Automotive Industry**

- ◆ Manufacturing
- ◆ Retail

# Auto Manufacturing

Manufacturers . . . . 500,000 + jobs

Suppliers . . . . . 1,800,000 + jobs

R & D Spending . . . \$18+ billion

# Economic Contribution Per Job

Auto Mfr.	\$292,000
Average Job	\$ 73,500
Average Mfg.	\$120,000

# Economic Multiplier

Auto Manufacturers – 7.5

New Vehicle Dealers – 2.5

# Foundation for Excellence

- ◆ Smarter Industry
- ◆ Platform / Component Set Rationalization
- ◆ Faster, Better Product Development
- ◆ Manufacturing Flexibility
- ◆ Stronger Processes
- ◆ Discipline
- ◆ Supplier Competence
- ◆ Lean Everything

**Market Share is Nice**

**Profits are Essential**

# Future Profits

- ◆ Price Increase
- ◆ Market Share
- ◆ Cost Reduction

# Cost Reduction — Survival Issue

- ◆ Low Investment
- ◆ Subsystem Optimization
- ◆ Global Sourcing
- ◆ Flexible, Lean Manufacturing
- ◆ Fast Product Development
- ◆ High Volume Platforms and Component Sets

# Business Model

Keys to Success:

- ◆ Effectiveness
- ◆ Efficiency
- ◆ Value

Vertical Integration

Talk

Paper

Bureaucracy

Linear

Slow

**Old Business Model**

Lean

Physical  
Prototypes

Control

Legalistic

Sequential

Individual

Job for Life

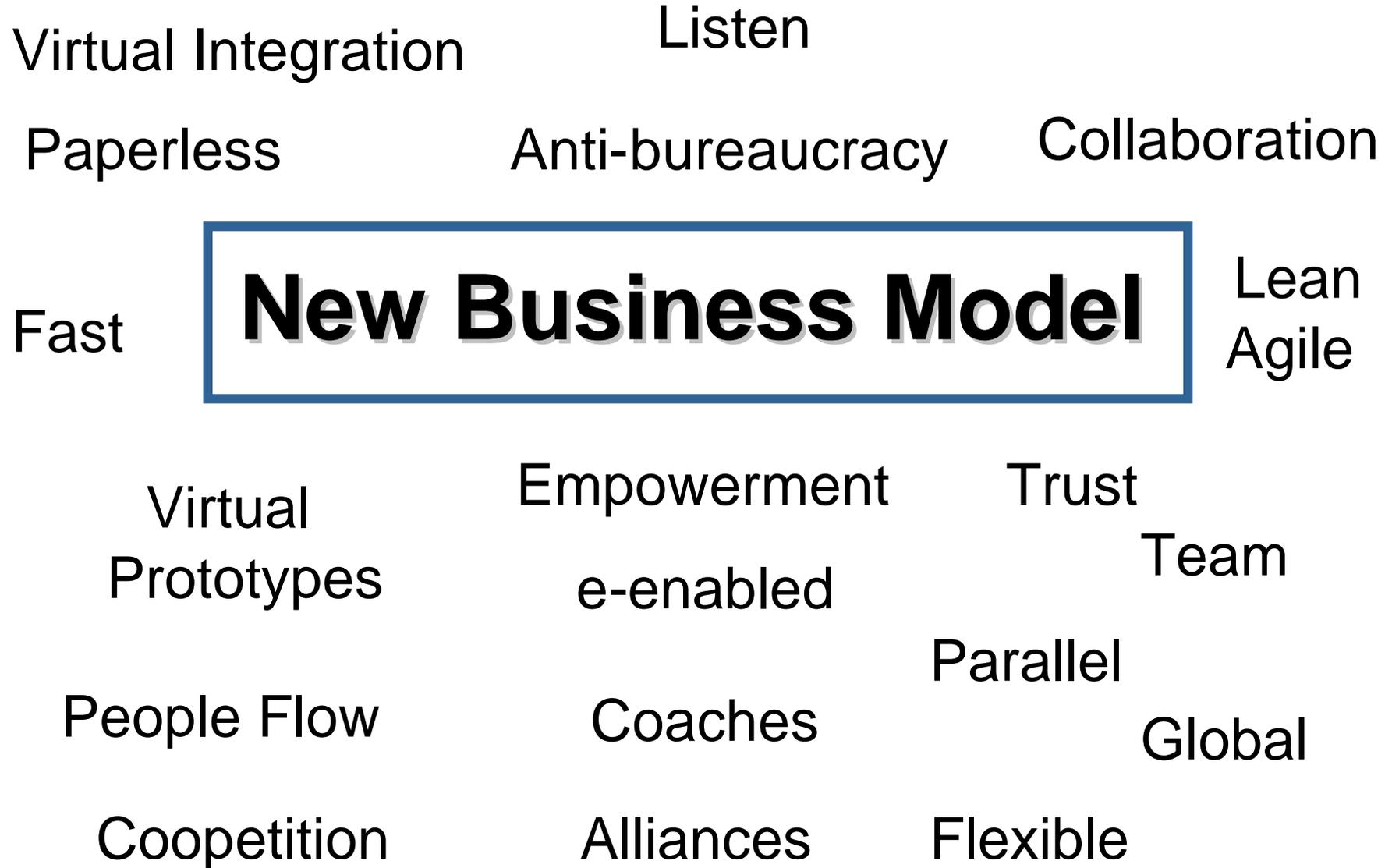
Kings

Regional

Competition

Acquisitions

Structured



# New Business Model

- ◆ Auto Industry
- ◆ Industry
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Health Care
- ◆ Government

## **Examples: New Business Model**

- Ford/GM Transmission Collaboration
- GM – DCX – BMW Hybrid Collaboration
- DCX – Toledo Plant
- GM Body Tooling
- Tool and Die Consortia
- Toyota Reinvention

# Old Labor/Mgt Model Is Obsolete

**Confrontation → Collaboration**

# Knowledge: The Competitive Edge

- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Innovation
- ◆ Value

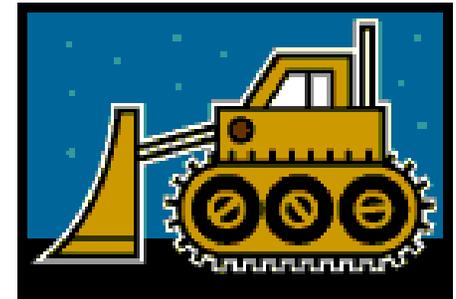
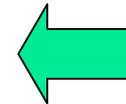
**Customer  
Pull**

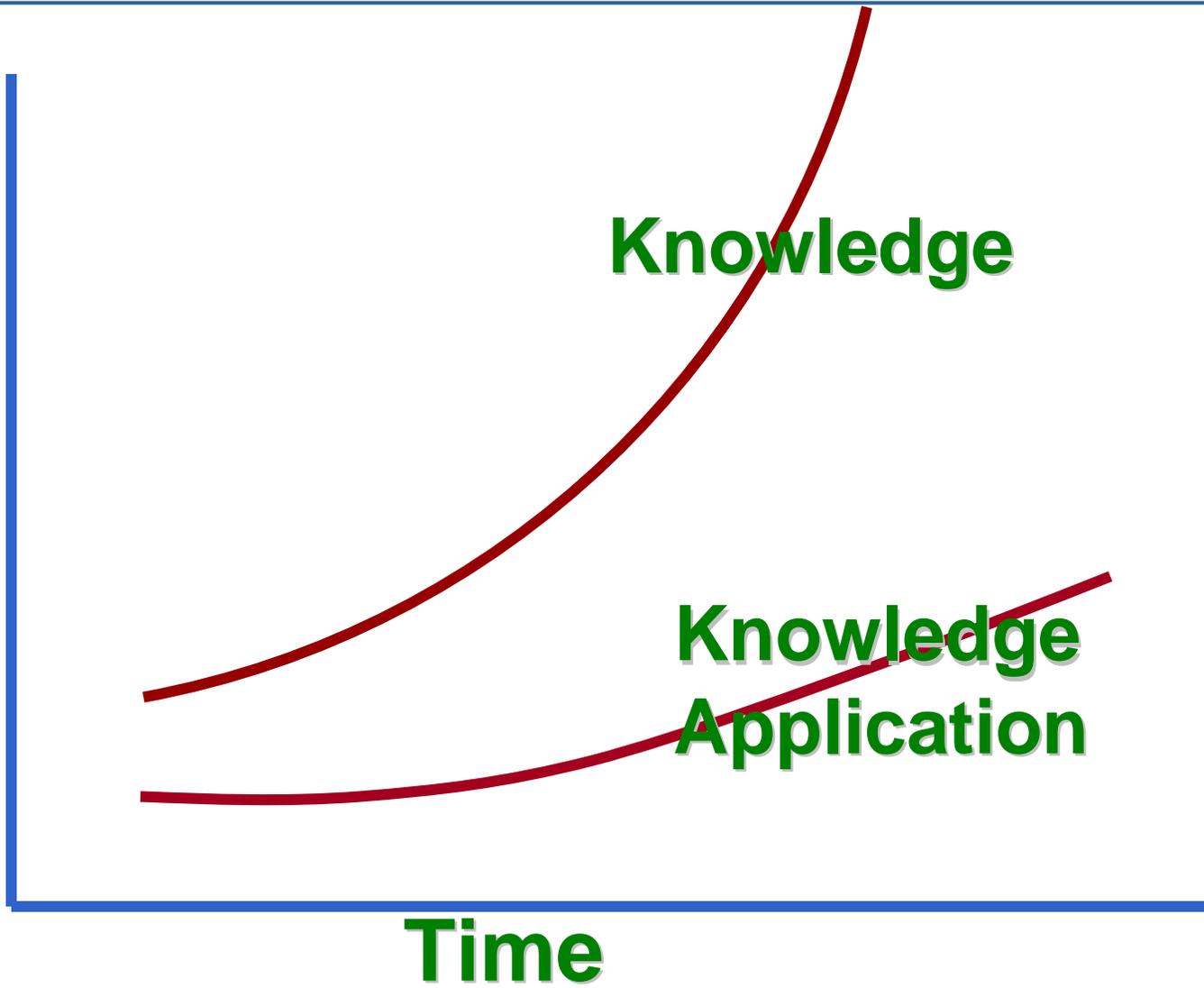
**Cars  
and  
Trucks**

**Technology  
Push**



**Product  
and  
Process**





# **Fast-paced change demands leverage of all resources**

**Communication**

**Collaboration**

**Cooperation**

**Alliances**

**Teamwork**

**Change is Tough**  
**Not Changing is Tougher**

# **It's All About People...**

## **Relationships Are Important**

# Product Technology

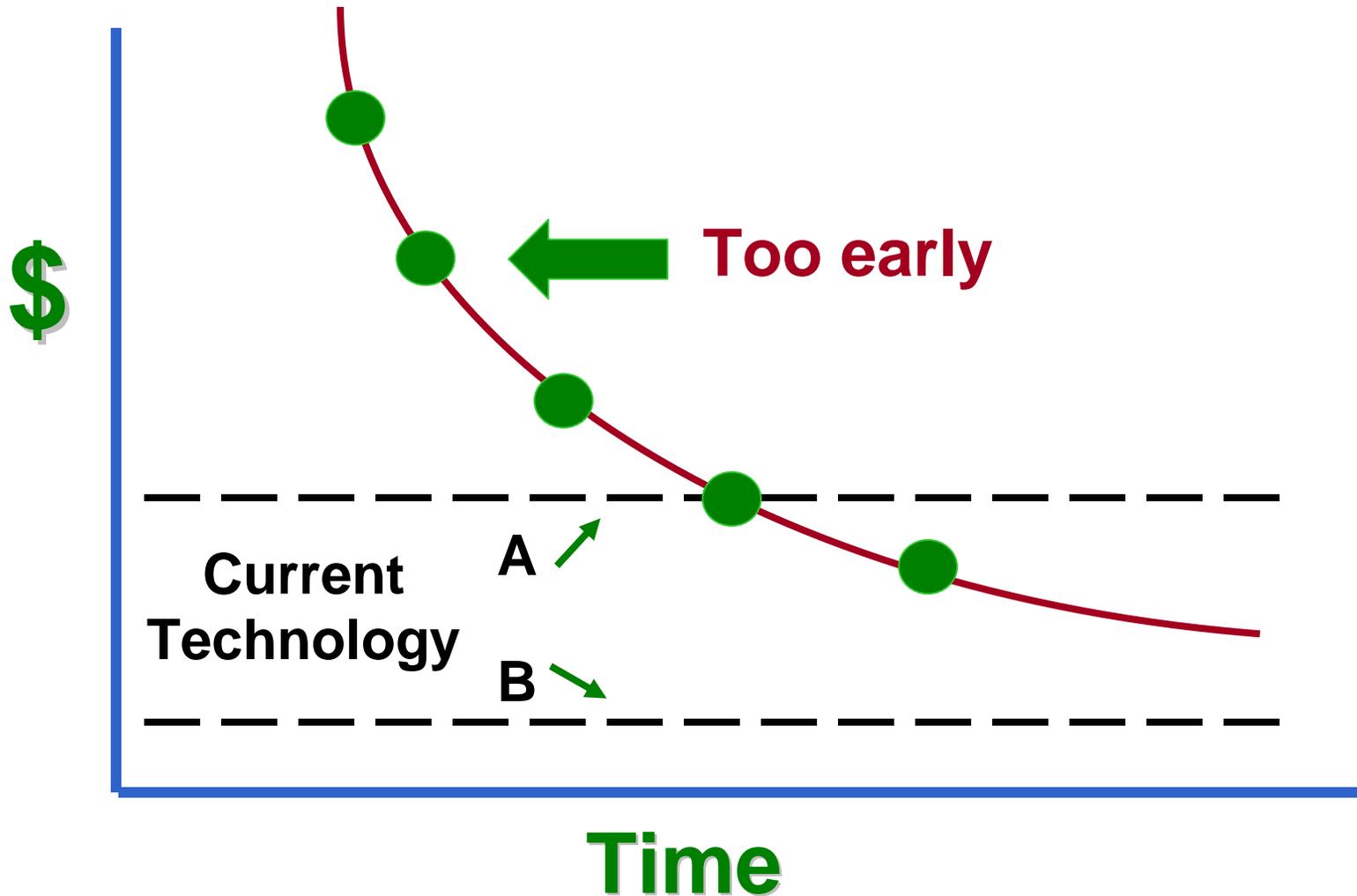
At the edge of a revolution?

# Future Power Plants

- *Gasoline*
- *Diesel*
- *Hybrid*

*The Answer – ?*

# Technological Progress—When to Commercialize



# Electrical / Electronic Content

	Current	2009
Total Combined E/E	20	31.5
Electronic Content	10	20

# Future Direction

It's All a Matter of Economics

# **Auto World — 2006+**

- ◆ A Few Big Dogs
- ◆ Consolidation Continues
- ◆ Subsystem Optimization
- ◆ Super Suppliers – Tiers 1 & 2
- ◆ Lean — Agile
- ◆ Fast, Smart, Rich, Global
- ◆ Technology Revolution

# **World Class is a Moving Target**